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REPRESENTATIVE LASSITER AND VIRGINIA'S PEANUT INDUSTRY.

Index-Appeal is possibly a little high protective tariff on peanuts, to hold to the low tariff principle, Democrat. When Representative Las- gressive counties." r the peanut growers of his dishimself in the petition for a high tariff, he able Virginian-Pilot paid Mr. Las-

encomiums, inasmuch as Mr. Lassiter ot doing. But suppose the Virginian-

with a certain levity. A paragraph from the remarks of this disin-

tion to American industry, according to Mr. Lassiter's way of thinking, and

the voters of the country" have profitable basis. sanctioned the protective principle in The State Commission of Fisheries is getics. Peanut growers should have a protective tariff, it says, because they need it and always will. "Natural conditions of soil and climate, it surprisingly contends, "are against the American producer, and will always be. For this reason the American as high as 4.000, but Connecticut."

curate we shall not now attempt to say. But it feed hardly be pointed out that judicially minded legislators might reasonably conclude from them that the peanut industry was entitled to no consideration at their hands whatever. The infant industries argument, which is the one cibim for high protection that has won the respect of nearly all chases of economists, is distinctly based upon the theory that such industries are laboring under merely temporary disadvantages, and that they will not remain "infant" forever. Few liberal economists would venture to defend the application of high protection to industries which are so han-like the following the content of the find that they will not remain "infant" forever. Few liberal economists would venture to defend the application of high protection to industries which are so han-like the find the pointed in the planters in Virginia. It is known however, that one planter alone in Connecticut and Tarin.

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droumstances to uphold the hands tion arranged by the Greater Highof a Democratic Congressman in a ways Association. The Bedford Demofew of his constituents. There come of the county rock crusher, and the ultimate solution of the oyster in-

All this discussion reflects a keen and, intelligent interest in a subject trict, but declined to take any part of the utmost importance to the State. siter a handsome editorial tribute, a determined fight to give good roads complished by a solid press lined up in which stated the issue thus:

As, the accredited representative of all the elements of his constituency Mr. Lassiter could do no less than prepare the way for a hearing for one of those elements before a committee of the House of which he is a member. As a Democratic Congressman, elected on a platform insisting upon a tariff for revenue only and affiliated with a party opposed to both the principle and policy of protection, he could have gone no step further without doing violence to a principle and breaking an implied pledge.

Presumably the Virginian Pliet would for helleving the distance of the state without doing violence to a principle and breaking an implied pledge. 11th, when the convention called by the Sunny Jim Sherman. great while to transform road condi-

of Virginia. But such a conclusion obviously would not be justified because for all of these bottoms there is a law that makes it illegal to take oysters under two and one-half inches.

On this basis oysters brought from less the protec- cause for all of these bottoms there the more difficult it is to compete oysters under two and one-half inches, with importations—a very interesting On this basis oysters brought from contribution to tariff lore. It may be true, as the seemingly unDemocratic Staunton Dispatch declares, that "Mr. Lassiter's speech along protection lines would have done tredit to a Republican Representative from the Pittaburg district." But to some Democratic ears the Petersburg Index-Appeal's arguments in support of this speech will have an even odder them, pay interest on the investment, ring. Mr. Lassiter, for instance, is cost of handling, and then have enough careful to base his plea on the fact margin left to make possible the sale that "by an overwhelming majority of these oysters on a commercially

the forthcoming tariff bill, and that therefore right in saying that the seed this is, therefore, for the time a pro-tective country. The index-Appeal re-cause the oysters taken from the seed jects such qualifications and apolo-

Ir. Connecticut there are only 8.000 peanut industry, unlike ordinary manu- run as high as 4,000, but Connecticut facturing enterprises, must always be does not depend upon the natural seed an infant in a tariff serve. Without beds for its planters' supply. \ We protection it must perish utterly as an have not the figures at hand showing therican industry." how many bushels of seed cysters were How far these statements are actiaken from James River rocks and sold curate we shall not now attempt to to the planters in Virginia. It is

dicapped by irremediable "natural con- not enough seed available for the plant ditions of soil and climate" that they ing industry of Virginia, and since THE STATE-WIDE MOVEMENT FOR GOOD ROADS.

It is encouraging to note that the of Fisheries, in addition to surveying oyster seed beds, will also apply itself to the absolutely essential problem of securing a sufficient quantity of seed to enable the planters of Virginia to compete with the planters of other cities, and to prevent any of that missing the seed to the planters of other cities, and to prevent any of that missing the seed the planters of other the planters of the planters development of the planting industry

Both the tongers and the planters, therefore, and all the allied industries that the Commission of Fisheries has met that difficulty by admitting the shortage of seed oysters.

They will have to flash the photographic proofs on us, however, before we will believe that Mr. Taft can do a barn dance.

Tentatively, cautiously and with desire to triffe with our luck, we ven-ture to put forward a small instalment of curiosity as to what has become of

Cipher dispatches from the front in-form us that the midst of Washington was greatly enlivened yesterday by the presence of Colonel Franklin P. Adams,

We take it that the three person who most carnestly desire the freedom of the press are Old Subscriber, Con-stant Reader and Pro Bono Publico.

of a far more sumptuous quality that the cheap and sniffling fogs of London

might object to being used as a club by the industrious friends of a big navy.

Herman Billik has won his fight for commutation of sentence. Very prob-ably Billik is an earth-born relative of the great god Billiken.

EXPENSIVE NAVY.

Uncle Sam's Ships Cost a Pretty Sum
The United States Navy will cost us
\$122,000,000 this year—twice what it
cost to run the whole Federal government just before the Civil War. In
ten years the naval appropriation has

OREGON'S SCHEME.

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Popularity of Movement Likely to Spread Over Country.

Now that the victory of Governor Chiamberlain at the Oregon polls has been confirmed by the Legislature, in spite of the fact that he is a Democrat and its majority is Republican, the popularity of this method of choosing United States Senators is likely to spread all over the country.

In his discussion of the Bryan scheme of amending the Constitution to provide a direct vote for United States Senators, Governor Hughes in the recent presidential campaign pointed out that a shorter cut to popular representation in the Senate was by the Oregon method. This does not restitutional amendment would, yet it is just as effective as if a direct vote were had.—New York Press.

Borrowed Jingles

Of nature now she seems to tire,
No longer through the woods she'll stray,
The sunrise she does not admire—
Not in the old romantic way;
The thrush's mellow roundelsy
Just now appeals to her in vain;
She loathes the scent of new-mown hay,
The hencymoon is on the wane.

L'ENVOI. They'll pretty soon be bilthe and gay—
When back to town they take the train,
Much longer they're not apt to stay,
The honsymoon is on the wane.
—Chicago News.

MERELY JORING.

"I suppose," said the fair prison visitor, "that the singing of the little birds helps to releve the monotony for you?"
"Wot birds?" queried the prisoner, "Why, the fail birds," replied the fair visitor, "I've often heard of them."—Chicago News,

SHORT JABS.

M OREOVER, the President doubtless would not hesitate to swim the Potomac a half dozen times or so, if there are any Doubting Thomases among the naval officers in respect of that.—Washington Herald.

It is impossible to avoid the suspicion that Brother Hobson has something to do with this anti-Japanese legislation.—Pittsburg Gazette-Times.

Bill Taft makes a hit every time he comes to the bat in the Southern league.—Chio Stato Journal.

If the man who knew Lincoln should happen to meet the man who knew Poethey would talk each other to death.—Baltimore Sun.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

wance for burning smoke and preventing sparks emission.

Mrs. Walker Fearn is lecturing in this country for the blind, and incidentally she is telling what she knows about the good (queen of Roumania, Carmen Sylva. The Green is not a suffragist, and her opinions upon the subject were quoted as follows: "Women's rights! We have the right to suffer, to be patient, to work, to help, to be virtuous, and to make men so. What purce do we want?"

Ambassador and Mrs. David J. Hill, while they go into society themselves in Berlin, are said to have taken the position that, as strangers, their attitude should be one of reserve, and consequently they will not undertake to introduce Americans this year at the court of the Kalser, Mrs. Hill has accepted the honorary presidency of the Women's Union of the American Church, which is active in philanthropic work.

VETERAN OF SENATE.

Henry M. Teller Has Worn Toga for Many Years, With the exception of his nearly three years of service as Secretary of the Interior in Mr. Arthur's Cabinet, the Interior in Mr. Arthur's Cabinet, the Hon. Henry Moore Teller has been a Senator since 1876. Apart from his silver heresy, which he shared with the people of his State and which he defended with a knowledge and skill remote from the vague and sentimental yammering of so many silver advocates, he has been and remains substantially a Republican; and his long stantially a Republican; and his long stantially a Republican; and his long mote from the vague and sentmentary yammering of so many silver advocates, he has been and remains substantially a Republican; and his long experience, his familiarity with precedents, his clearnoss of intellect, and practical grasp of the principles and details of legislation, especially as it affects the West, have made him one of the wisest and most valuable of Senators. He is an elder in that illustrious body. He sat a generation ago with men like Blaine, Morton, Edmunds, Morrill, Conkling, John Sherman, Allison, Ingalls, Simon Cameron, Bayard. His term runs from toward the end of Grant's administration to the beginning of Taff's. He has seen many mutations of policy and fame, sudden heroes and obscurities almost as sudden. He is of the class in which the Sonate has never been wanting the men of long heads, of courage, of thoughtfolness, of training in affairs.—New York Sun.

Duty on Penauts,

Representative Lassiter, of Virginia, advocates an increase of the duty on penauts. He says the estimated world's annual product of penauts reaches the total of 500,000,000 bushels. The value of the United States product, which is almost wholly consumed by the American people, is \$10,000,000. Nine to the states are interested in the cultivation of penauts. Virginia in 1899 had under unitvation 116,911 acres, producing the increase has been large and gradual. Without an increase of duty, Mr. et lassiter says, it will be impossible for the American raiser of penauts to council with the Suanish and Japanese.—Washington Herald.

The Courts

By La Marquise de Fontenoy.

The Curse of Brahan Seer.

The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Arbuthnot, of Plaw Mrs. R. W. Arbuthnot, of Plaw Hatch, in Surrey, which took place the other day at their London house in Curzon Street, the nonagenarian mother of the golden bride was present. This wonderful old lady, Mrs. Philip Anstruther, is the sole surviving child of the Hon. Mrs. Stewart Mackenzle, who as the "hooded lassie from the Eagt" sucgeded to the estates of the last Earl of Seaforth, thus putting the Indishing touch upon the famous curse which had been placed upon the Lords of Seaforth more than 200 years previously. During the seventeenth century the Countess of Seaforth of the day, irritated at some unpleasant remark or prediction which a local prophet, known as the Brahan Seer, had made concerning her, caused him to be burnt during the absence of her husband. While tied to the stake the Brahan Seer laid a curse upon the illustrious and ancient house of Seaforth, whose estates extended clear across Scotland from sea to sea, prophesying the downfall of the family and declaring that the curse should last for seven generations, during which no son of the Mackenzies should ever succeed his father. He exclaimed:

"I see a chief, the last of his house, both deaf and dumb. He will follow his three fair sons to the tomb, and will die, knowing that the honors of his line will be extinguished forever, and the remnant of his possessions shall be inherited by a white hooded lassie from the East, and she is to kill her sister. As a sign for which it may be known that these things are come to pass: there will be four great lairds to the last of the last of the last of his house.

visitor, "Tve often heard of them."

Chicago News.

The Higher Education.

"College has done Lowdon a world of good."

"He doesn't impress one as carrying excess knowledge,"

"He doesn't. But four years on the rooting squad have been great for his lungs, which used to be weak."—Kansas City Tires.

Taking Precautions.

Mrs. C.—Good merning. Bridget, I hope your master and mistress have not forgotien that they're coming to dine with me tenight.

Cook.—Indade, and they've not—they've ordered a good hearty meal at home at 8 o'clock.—Harper's Bazar.

Yoslbardy.

"Darling," said the lovelorn youth, "can't you suggest some good deed of daring that will enable me to prove my love for you?"

"Well," shy replied, "you might speak to prince will enable me to prove my love for you?"

"Well," shy replied, "you might speak to prince. The same and deed suddenly with the respective infirmities that the Seer of Brahan had foretold, but the series of the saw around him the four prince. The same strength is three sons had died suddenly withing the series of the same and the case of his life his affairs became terribly embarts had elegars for him.

Wigs—Riggins's wife insists upon buying his elgars for him.

his three sons had died suddenly with- in a short time. Towards the close of his life his affairs became terribly embarrassed, and he was forced to sell his Kintail estates. He died in 1815. After his death his eldest daughter, the wife of Admiral Sir James Hood, came from the East Indies to take possession of the remainder of the Seaforth estates, and while driving her younger sister in a pony carriage through the castle grounds, managed to overturn the trap in such a way that her sister had her neck broken on the spot. Lady flood, "the hooded lassie from the East," married as her second husband the Right Hon. James Stewart, the son of the sixth Earl of Galloway, and took his name, added to her own maiden name, dropping her title of Lady Hood altogether. By this marriage with James Stewart Mackenzie, who was in turn Governor of Ceylon and Lord High Commissioner of the Ionian Islands, the "hooded lassie from the East" had a number of children, her eldest daughter being the now nonagenarian Mrs. Philip Anstruther, and another daughter the wife of the second Lord Ashburton. The hooded lassie's eldest son was Keth Stewart Mackenzie, who inherited the remnants of her property, and his son. Colonel, James Stewart Mackenzie of Seaforth only through his grandmother. He is married to Miss Steinkopff, the immensely wealthy helress of that Anglogerman millionaire, E. Steinkopff, who was the proprietor of the London st. James Gazette, the owner of the Apollinaris water concern, and the friend of Bismärck.

Kintall belongs to-day to another Mackenzie, who has no connection whatsoever with the Seaforth Mackeff-zies. Towards the middle of Queen

reated a baronet. Baronetcles are usually accompanied by a territorial designation, and when the moment crived for the Royal College of Arms to register the new dignity, and for the crown to issue its patent, he found himself confronted by an appeal, lodged with the authorities by Col. Jas. Stewart Mackenzle, of Seaforth, and by other representatives in the female line of the Seaforth Mackenzles, demanding that inasmuch as their pedigrees disclosed no relationship, however remote, with the newly created baronet, no sanction should be given by the crown in its grant of his title, to his altogether unwarranted adoption of the time-honored designation of Mackenzle of Kintail. This proved effective. Sir James abandoned the style of Mackenzle of Kintail, and cohtented himself instead with that of Mackenzle of Gien Muick. This did not prevent him, however, from invariably using the tartan of the Mackenzles of Kintail, not only for his own wear and for that of his retainers, but also for the wall decorations, the hangings and even for the very carpets, of his various houses in Sectland. Moreover, he succeeded in retaining the armorial bearings which he obtained immediately on his return from India, and which are in the mature of a travesty of those of the Mackenzles of Kintail.

Let me add in conclusion, that Sir James, whose honors and estates are now held by his grandson, Sir Victor Mackenzle, was the financial backer of the Marlborough Club. in Pall Mail, at the time of its foundation, and under the circumstances was naturally elected one of the original members of that organization, which was the favorite club of the King until his accession to the time of his death the other day.

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STATE PRESS

Tazewell's Voie.

It develops that very few of Tazewell's citizens will be able to vote in the next runnicipal election, which takes place in June, not having pald their poil taxes six months prior thereto, Only one member of the Town Council, it is said, will be able to vote at that time, Whose fault is this? These taxes could have been paid as easily before December 8th as since. "We just didn't think about an election in the spring," is what they all say, Some time must be fixed as a limit, and if we "don't think about it," or some one doesn't call our attention to it, what's the difference? One advantage however, in fixing the limit a shorter time before election is that special elections would not so likely, slip upon us.

It may be well to remind the voters now that their poll-taxes must be paid this spring before May ist if they wish to yote in the election in November. Better straighten up the matter at once.—Clinch Valley News.

semorial to Lee.

Comes From Office-Seekers.

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All this aritation about abolishing the primary and the prepayment of the poiltax comes from Democrats who cannot trot out popularity enough to get the nomination, and hence they want to return to the convention plan whereby they can buy precincts in the old way, and even buy delegates in the convention. The great body of Democratic office-seekers who would ruin a party to win an office.—Gordonsville Gazette.

Valley Railroads.

In our campaign for better railroad service in the Valley we have no criticism to make of either Superintendent Spurrier, of the Baltimore and Ohlo, or of Superintendent Phree, of the Southern. Nor does the efficient conduct of the company's business affairs at this point, through the hands of Agent T. B. Patton, permit of ground for protest, On the contrary, we believe that these gentlemen are doing all in the thing of the valley good service. The fault we have to find lies with those intrusted with the management of the railroads—the heads of the departments. And we feel sure that when the officials of the justine of the sure that when the officials of the justine of the sure that when the officials of the justine of the sure that when the officials of the justine of the sure that when the officials of the justine of the sure that when the officials of the justine of the sure that when the officials of the justine of the sure that when the officials of the justine of the protection of

Richmond's Revwal.

For the past ten days or two weeks the people of Richmond have witnessed and participated in one of the greatest religible are held at several churches with compact, are held at several chose whe are unable to gain admittunes to the City of at least 5,000, and is crowded to the City of at least 5,000, and is crowded to the selling conducted, in spitch and the selling conducted, in spitch and the selling of the city are visited and meetings conducted, in spitch as a seating capacity of at least 5,000 and is crowded the synchical city are visited and meetings conducted, in spitch as a seat of the selling conducted, in the selling conductions of the leaders in the movement, and it, is said the good work is to continue for at least arother week. A visitor in the capital city at the time sinds and difficulty-in recognizing the sampthing of an observer, for at all hours of the day men and women are earnestly at work to Christianize Richmond. The newspapers of the city have given citoliable reports of this great religious awakening, and in this way the masses of the people have been reached, for as Dr. Tamage used to say, the press reaches to the hundreds.—Clifton Forge Dally Review.

TARIFF, A BUSINESS PROBLEM.

TARIFF, A BUSINESS PROBLEM. Not to Be Governed by Political Par-ites, As one might have supposed, the American Protective Tariff League has

placed itself fairly and squarely on record against the appointment of a

There is a gruesome tradition in the reigning house of Saxe-Weimar to the effect that one of its members was entombed alive, and whether this is true or not, the fact remains that many of them, notably the late Prince Hermann of Saxe-Weimar, have not been content with the precautions above described, but have in their wills given special instructions that steps should be taken by their medical men to be absoluted b

HIGHWAYS AND BYWAYS.

BIRTH RATE IN FRANCE.

Younger Generation Triumphant Re-fute Charge of Race Suicide.

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A nut for sociologists to crack is presented by the birth statistics in France for the first half of 1908. After a disheartening downward tendency, the population suddenly began to increase, the births exceeding the deaths for the half-year by II,000. If this keeps up, the French will be able triumphantly to refuse the charge of race suicide. The statistics for the second half of 1908 will be eagerly awaited by the French government and men of science, who have become exceedingly anxious in recent years over the shrinking birth rate.—Springfield Republican.

EIGHTY CENT GAS.

Roanoke's Lid.

New York's Consolidated Gas Company, which complains that a price of 80 cents a thousand, feet is confiscatory, on the complains that a price of 80 cents a thousand, feet is confiscatory, on the complains that a price of 80 cents a thousand, feet is confiscatory, on the complains that a price of 80 cents a thousand, feet is confiscatory, on the complains that a price of 80 cents a thousand, feet is confiscatory, on the New York's Consolidated Gas Company, which complains that a price of 80 cents a thousand, feet is confiscatory, sometimes Not, in New York's Consolidated Gas Company, at a confiscatory, sometimes Not, in New York's Consolidated Gas Company, at a confiscatory, sometimes Not, in New York's Consolidated Gas Company, at a confiscatory, sometimes Not, in New York's Consolidated Gas Company, at a confiscatory, sometimes Not, in New York's Consolidated Gas Company, at a confiscatory, sometimes Not, in New York's Consolidated Gas Company, at the complains that a price of 80 cents a thousand, feet is confiscatory, sometimes Not, in New York's Consolidated Gas Company, at confiscatory, sometimes Not, in New York's Consolidated Gas Company, at complains that a price of 80 cents at housand, feet is confiscatory, sometimes Not, in New York's Consolidated Gas Company, at complains that a price of 80 cents at housand, feet is confiscatory, sometimes Not, in New York's Consolidated Gas Company, at complains that a price of 80 cents at housand, feet is confiscatory, sometimes Not, in New York's Consolidated Gas Company, at complains that a price of 80 cents at housand, feet is confiscatory, sometimes Company at the pany, which complains that a price of 80 cents at housand, feet is confiscatory.

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The Massachusetts State Commission in its annual report re-commends a graded fee for automobiles based upon the horsepower to pay part of the damage they do to highways. Referring to the appropriation asked to pay for repairs the coming year, the report says: "The estimates just re-ceived from engineers show that \$634ceived from engineers show that \$634,000 is necessary in the year 1909 to resurface the State highways and put them back in reasonably good condition, of which \$366,400 is due to automobile travel. This plainly shows how expensive it is to allow our highways to go without the repairs which are necessary."—New York Tribune.

Caviar to the Bangorian.

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We are indebted to Manager E. H. Macklin, of the Winnipeg (Canada)
Free Press, for a sample of Lake Winnipeg caviar. We appreciate the compliment implied by sending us the
sample. Mr. Macklin evidently assumes that we have an educated psiate, but we must confess that our paiate has not been educated up to caviar,
and we should not, therefore, be included with King Edward, Peter the
Great et al. as a lover of it. Caviar
is said to be an excellent appetizer, Great et al. as a lover of it. Caviar is said to be an excellent appetizer, but we think we can find something better, or at least more to our liking, even here in the prohibition State of Maine.—Uncle Joe Bass, in the Bangor (Me.) Commercial.

"Auld Lang Syne."

the has
To-day I'm thinking of the past;
The days of long ago;
The days of long ago;
The friends we used to know;
Though years may pass above my head
beerset memories will be mine,
alsof youth and hopes and bright hours
spent.

I never shall forgot the friend
With whom I used to roam
On balmy moonlight summer nights.
Around my dear old home;
The home has passed to other hands:
No longer it is mine;
But still it holds sweet memories
Of "days of Auld Lang Syne."